

concerning the destruction at sea, by lightning, of the packet ship Thomas P. Cope, of this port.

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*Stated Meeting, January 15.*

Present, twenty-four members.

Dr. CHAPMAN, President, in the Chair.

Upon taking the chair, Dr. Chapman returned thanks to the members for his election to the office of President of the Society.

A letter was received and read:—

From Mr. John B. Sartori, dated Leghorn, 20th September, 1846, announcing the donation of specimens of fixed mercury, which he desired to be examined.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Selected from the Records. May 26th to December 1st, 1846, inclusive.—*From the Academy.*

Boletín de la Sociedad Economica de Amigos del Pais de Valencia. Año 7. Tomo 4º. Agosto, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. Edited by Isaac Hays, M.D. No. 25. January, 1847. Vol. XIII. 8vo.—*From the Editor.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania. Vol. XLIII. No. 253. Third Series. Vol. XIII. January, 1847. No. 1. 8vo.—*From Dr. Patterson.*

The African Repository and Colonial Journal. Vol. XXIII. January, 1847. No. 1. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. V. January, 1847. No. 49. 8vo.—*From Messrs. Lea & Blanchard.*

Life of John Heckewelder. By the Rev. Edward Rondthaler. Edited by B. H. Coates, M.D. Philadelphia, 1847. 12mo.—*From Mr. Townsend Ward.*

Message of the President of the United States, communicating a Report of an Expedition, led by Lieut. Abert, on the Upper Arkan-

sas, and through the Country of the Camanche Indians, in the Fall of the Year 1845. Twenty-ninth Congress, First Session, Senate, Document No. 438. Two Copies.—*From Colonel J. J. Abert.*

Annual Report of the Canal Commissioners, transmitted to the Governor in pursuance of Law, for the Financial Year ending Nov. 30, 1846. Harrisburg, 1847. 8vo.—*From Charles B. Trego, Esq.*

Dr. Meigs read a paper upon the Corpus Luteum, which was referred to a Committee, consisting of Drs. Horner, Goddard, and Dunglison.

Mr. George Ord was reelected Librarian.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:—

*Of Finance.*—Clement C. Biddle, R. M. Patterson, Isaac Lea.

*On the Hall.*—G. Campbell, F. Fraley, John K. Kane.

*On the Library.*—Isaac Hays, G. Campbell, I. Pennington.

*On Publication.*—Isaac Lea, Isaac Hays, J. Francis Fisher.

Agreeably to a provision of the By-laws, the list of the surviving members of the Society was read. The number is 349; of whom 232 are residents of the United States, and 117 of foreign countries.

There being no quorum, for the election of members, present, the balloting for candidates was postponed.

The Librarian, to whom had been referred the request of the Trustees of the Western University of Pennsylvania, reported, and was discharged from farther consideration of the subject.

The Publication Committee reported the completion of Vol. IX. of the Transactions of the Society.